

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Atty. Ref.: 3687-101; Confirmation No. 7086

Appl. No. 10/518,302

TC/A.U. 1623

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Examiner:

For: EPIMERIZED DERIVATIVES OF K5 POLYSACCHARIDE WITH A VERY HIGH  
DEGREE OF SULFATION

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May 31, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination,  
please amend the application as follows: